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SUBJECT: EPA/SFCP OFFICIAL VISIT
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1. EPA IS PLANNING A TEAM VISIT IN THE LATTER PART OF
SEPTEMBER TO MEET WITH GOI OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR ENVI-
RONMENTAL PROTECTION PROGRAMS AND WITH DIRECTORS OF INSTI-
TUTES ENGAGED IN ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT AC-
TIVITIES. TEAM WILL FOLLOW UP ON GOI/EPA PRIORITY PROJECTS
IN AREAS INCLUDING WATER POLLUTION, PESTICIDES AND MARINE
STUDIES. MEETINGS WILL BE REQUESTED WITH GOI OFFICIALS OF
THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, INDIAN
COUNCIL FOR SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH AND THE
INDIAN COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH, WITH DIRECTORS OF
THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING RESEARCH INSTI-
TUTE, NAGPUR, AND THE TATA INSTITUTE OF FUNDAMENTAL RE-
SEARCH, BOMBAY. MEETINGS AT THE TATA INSTITUTE WILL BE HELD
TO DEVELOP NEW PROJECTS IN THE AREA OF ENVIRONMENTAL MARINE
STUDIES.

2. EPA HAS SEVERAL PREPROPOSALS ON PESTICIDES RESEARCH.

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THEY INCLUDE:

1. STUDIES OF PESTICIDES LEVELS IN INDIA AND THEIR BIOLOGICAL EFFECTS, DR. B.N. TANDOM, ALL-INDIAN IN-

STITUTES OF MEDICAL SCIENCE

2. STUDIES OF SIMPLE METHODS FOR DETERMINATION OF RESIDUES OF ORGANOCHLORINE INSECTICIDES, P. KRISHNA MENON, CENTRAL PLANT PROTECTION TRAINING INSTITUTE, HYDERABAD.

3. STUDIES OF N-NITROSO DERIVATIVES OF INSECTICIDES AND HERBICIDES, P.M. CHHUTTANI, POST GRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION AND RESEARCH, CHANDIGARH.

3. WE REQUEST EMBASSY'S ADVICE ON SUITABILITY OF PROJECTS AND TIMING OF VISIT. WITH REGARD TO EPA PROPOSALS FOR RESEARCH PROJECTS ON PESTICIDES, WE ARE AWARE OF THE CLOSE PARALLELS(PARTICULARLY IN PROPOSAL ONE) WITH THE PROPOSED US-GOI RESEARCH PROJECT ON THE BIOLOGICAL CONTROL OF CROP PESTS. SINCE WE ARE STILL WATCHING HOW GOI PROPOSES TO REPAIR DAMAGE DONE THROUGH ITS FAILURE TO PROTECT US AGAINST UNFAIR ATTACKS IN THE GENETIC MOSQUITO PROJECT AND AWAITING GOI ASSURANCES(REFTEL) THAT THEY WILL PUBLICLY DEFEND THE CROP PESTS PROJECT SHOULD IT COME UNDER POLITICALLY MOTIVATED ATTACK, WE ARE ONLY SUPPLYING DETAILS ON THE PROPOSED EPA PROJECTS FOR THE EMBASSY'S INFORMATION AT THIS TIME. KISSINGER

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